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Florida Department of Health in Escambia County Announces Temporary Closure for COVID Testing Site Due To Hurricane Sally

Services to Resume September 22, 2020



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Pensacola, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) will suspend specimen collection for COVID-19 offered to Florida residents on Monday, September 21, 2020. Specimen collection is expected to resume normal operations Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The primary focus is virus testing from swab samples to help identify those who are COVID positive and that need contact tracing. This effort is part of the continuing public health surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 that is occurring across the state.

COVID-19 Walk-In Testing Schedule*

Where**	When	Who	How
FDOH-Escambia Downtown Center 1300 West Gregory St. Pensacola, FL 32502	Open 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. CT on the following dates: Tuesday, September 22 Wednesday, September 23 Thursday, September 24 Friday, September 25	All Florida residents with or without symptoms	Walk-in, no appointment needed Bring your Florida driver's license. Only Florida residents will be tested. Cloth face coverings are required to enter the building for testing.

**Dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or shortage of supplies.*

***Location is subject to change. Please visit EscambiaHealth.com for up-to-date information.*

The samples collected at this site will be processed by private labs, with results received typically in one week. In addition to COVID-19 testing, this site will also have hepatitis A vaccines available.

Sites for COVID-Testing in Escambia County

Persons who become sick should call, do not visit, their health care provider and tell them about their symptoms and travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient. Persons who do not have a health care provider or health insurance, may call (do not visit) Community Health Northwest

Florida at 850-436-4630 or other community walk-in care locations, and tell them about their symptoms and travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient.

An [online assessment screening for COVID-19](#) is available to determine if further diagnostic testing is needed. The screening can also be accessed by texting “Screen” to 850-318-3080. The screening is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also call the screening center at 850-434-4080 to determine if you need an appointment.

COVID-19 testing is available at several locations in Escambia County, including drive-thru and walk-up testing.

- **IMPORTANT:** Pre-screening may be required before arriving at testing centers by calling the local COVID-19 Screening Call Center at 850-746-2684.
- The screening call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The call center staff will assist in helping find the testing center that best fits the needs of each person needing a COVID-19 test.
- The hours of operation for some testing centers for COVID-19 are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The call center staff will confirm the hours, as they vary by location and day of week.

Testing sites and eligibility criteria vary and are subject to change. For more detailed information on testing sites, visit Escambia County’s dedicated COVID-19 [webpage](#) or call the Citizen Information Center at 850-471-6600.

For More Information on COVID-19

Visit the Florida Department of Health [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information on COVID-19. If you have questions, please call the Department’s COVID-19 Call Centers available 24/7 at 1 (866) 779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores.

The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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